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SUBJ: BONDED JET FUEL FOR INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIERS

PAN AM, KLM TO ME IN THE HAGUE, AND HOST OF EMBASSIES HERE
ON BEHALF OF THEIR NATIONAL CARRIERS HAVE BEEN MAKING RE-
PRESENTATIONS REGARDING FAILURE OF REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT
EMERGENCY PETROLEUM ALLOCATION ACT TO INCLUDE EQUITABLE
AND FAIR ALLOCATION OF JET FUEL FOR US AND FOREIGN INTER-
NATIONAL AIR CARRIERS. DEPT MADE ITS VIEWS ON THIS PROBLEM
KNOWN TO BILL SIMON IN A LETTER FROM KEN RUSH ON DECEMBER
15 AND WE ARE FOLLOWING UP WITH OUR MORE FORMAL COMMENTS
ON THE REGULATIONS AS SIMON HAD REQUESTED FOR SUBMISSION
ON DECEMBER 20.

I DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH SIMON TODAY AND LEARNED HIS
OFFICE IS ANNOUNCING AT 1000 (1500Z) DECEMBER 20 A SPECIAL
ALLOCATION OF JET FUEL FROM OUR MILITARY RESERVES OF
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50,000 B/D THROUGH THE END OF JANUARY. OUR AVIATION EXPERTS
IN THE DEPT WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A BIT MORE, BUT SAY AMOUNT
TO BE ANNOUNCED WILL MEET MOST CRITICAL NEEDS AT PRESENT.

I WANTED YOU TO BE AWARE OF THIS IN CASE SUBJECT IS RAISED
BY FRENCH. RUSH

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